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SUBJECT: GOVERNOR SCRANTON'S MEETING WITH ZAIRIAN PERM REP

UMBA-DI-LUTETE, NOVEMBER 3.

1. AT ZAIRIAN REQUEST, UMBA-DI-LUTETE CALLED ON GOVERNOR SCRANTON AT USUN, AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 3. GOVERNOR SCRANTON EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO UMBA-DI-LUTETE FOR HIS POSITIVE EFFORTS TO ASSURE CLOSE COOPERATION WITH US AT THE UN, REFLECTING THE REAL FRIENDSHIP WHICH EXISTS BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES. FOR INSTANCE, WE WERE APPRECIATIVE FOR UMBA-DI-LUTETE'S EFFORTS TO INFORM US AHEAD OF TIME CONCERNING STATEMENTS WHICH ZAIRE IS TO MAKE AT THE UN, IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY WHICH MIGHT COME AS A SURPRISE OR BE UNDULY CONTENTIOUS.

2. FOR HIS PART, UMBA-DI-LUTETE SAID HOW SATISFIED HE WAS WITH THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. HE ASKED SPECIFICALLY FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE COUP IN BURUNDI, AND THE STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ON RHODESIA. GOVERNOR SCRANTON TOLD UMBA-DI-LUTETE THAT WE WOULD KEEP HIM POSTED ON DEVELOPMENTS.

3. UMBA-DI-LUTETE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT CHANGE IN US ADMINISTRATION WOULD NOT AFFECT OUR AFRICAN POLICY.

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4. CONCERNING ANGOLA, UMBA-DI-LUTETE SAID THAT ZAIRE WOULD HAVE "NO OBJECTION TO ANGOLA BECOMING A UN MEMBER" BUT, HE ADDED, THERE REMAIN POCKETS OF RESISTANCE WITHIN ANGOLA. FOR INSTANCE, HE HAD SPOKEN RECENTLY WITH HOLDEN ROBERTO, WHO CALLED HIM FROM AN FNLA MILITARY CAMP WITHIN ANGOLA. WHILE NOT OBJECTING TO ANGOLAN MEMBERSHIP, HOWEVER, ZAIRE WOULD APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE IN PROTECTING HERSELF AGAINST ANY CUBAN THREAT WHICH COULD BE STAGED FROM ANGOLAN SOIL.

5. UPON LEAVING, UMBA-DI-LUTETE ALSO ASKED WHETHER WE HAD ANY FEEL FOR OFFICIAL US REACTION TO A TELEVISION SATELLITE AGREEMENT WHICH RECENTLY HAD BEEN WORKED OUT AMONG ZAIRE, FRANCE AND ROMANIA.
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